

11.6 THE CASTAWAYS OF THE FLAG, •

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on a desert island it is prudent to
have a ship,
at your disposal in which you can find
everythinglib^
you want. One makes a poor job of it
other*¹
wise!³³

They all agreed. That was how the
Lanfaoftjt
had been the salvation of the people in
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Switzerland.

. In the afternoon of the i/th an
incident of
which no one could have foreseen the
consequence
caused the most intense anxiety.

As already mentioned, Bob found great
pleasure*
in playing with the albatross. When he
was
amusing himself on the shore his mother
kept a
constant watch upon him, to see that
he did not
go far away, for he was fond of
scrambling about
among the low rocks of the
promontory and
* running away from the waves. But
when he
stayed with the bird in the cave there
was no risk
in leaving him by himself.

It was about three o'clock. James
Wolston
was helping the boatswain to arrange
the spars
to support the heavy curtain in front of
the entrance
to the cave. Jenny and Susan and
Dolly were
sitting in the corner by the stove on
which the,

little kettle was boiling, and were busy
mending
their clothes.

It was nearly time for Bob's
luncheon,
Mrs. Wolston called the child.
Bob did not answer.